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I am urging you on my behalf and on the behalf of so many others who wish to see an end in sight to this senseless practice, to act on docket number 98P-/CPI. To stop the slaughter of downed animals for the human food supply and also to stop the use of downed animals for the companion animal food supply. Let's hope, that we as human beings, may be able to help them and if it is truly too late, then let us end their lives with as much humanity that we can find in our hearts to expend. I am truly having trouble grasping what we are addressing here in a country like this. Why the cruel treatment of these animals who are "downed" must go on and also these very same animals being considered safe to use in the human food supply. Doesn't a country like America owe its people so much more?

We as Americans need to rethink some of our former policies. To act in an inhumane way to these tragic, suffering animals is to be a lesser country in the eyes of all Americans and in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Please act on docket number 98P-0151/CPI to alleviate the plight of these tragic animals who cannot speak for themselves and to end the potential for disease transmission to the human food supply.

Respectfully,

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